

FPP Status Report

Funding, Politics, & Programmatic Working Group Status Report

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1. Scope

FPP: Funding, Politics, and Programmatics ----- FUNDING

- Funding: Facility Operations, Research, and User Support.
- Political Action: Interactions with DOE, OSTP, OMB, Congress
- Programmatic Issues of broad user interest (e.g., test beams)

Charge: **Focus on Funding.** Address funding of facility operations, research, and user support; DOE and Presidential directives and regulations; and US laws that could adversely affect users of the C-AD user facilities. Interact with the Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and Congress. Work with BNL and DOE management to address programmatic recommendations or issues that broadly affect users (e.g., test beams).

2. FPP Working Group Membership (11)

Ex-Officio Convenor:

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Ex-Officio Members:

Gary Westfall, MSU

Susan White-DePace, BNL

Convenor for DC User Visits:

John Hill, ISU

Members:

Abhay Deshpande, Stony Brook

Barbara Erazmus, Subatech

Matthias Grosse Perdekamp, UIUC

John Lajoie, ISU

Mike Lisa, OSU

Bill Morse, BNL

Peter Steinberg, BNL

Convenor for Programmatics?

Convenor for ?

3A. Recent Actions or Relevant Developments

On April 11, 2005 Gary, Vicki, and Brant went to Wash. DC to meet with House and Senate Staffers, plus OMB and OSTP.

The message that RHIC needed \$18M and all Office of Science Facilities needed \$100M more to restore running time to FY05 levels was well received.

Final budget is not known, but House and Senate markups were close to the desired levels. Similar trip(s) expected to be needed in FY06.

3B. Current Action Items and status of progress

FPP-1: User Visits to Washington D.C.

John Hill is leading efforts to organize a "grass roots" initiative for users to coordinate with APS on visits to Congressional offices with an emphasis on senators and representatives from key states on science policy and appropriations subcommittees.

FPP-2: Three UEC Chair Visit(s) to Washington D.C.

Brant will lead effort to organize the official FY06 visit(s) to represent the users and BNL in visits to Congress, OMB, and OSTP.

3B. Current Action Items and status of progress

FFP-3: Users Center and UEC Budgets

Susan and Brant are working with Sam Aronson to request a yearly budget from BSA to support UEC activities, rather than needing to request specific budget amounts for each activity as it approaches.

FFP-4: AGS Complex Test Beams for General User Benefit

This new action item arose from discussions at the July UEC meeting. Who will lead this effort to develop specific proposals, budget estimates, etc?

3C. Possible Future Action Items and timescale

What additional Action Items are needed?